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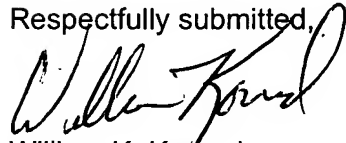
Examination on the merits is respectfully requested and allowance at an early date is earnestly solicited.

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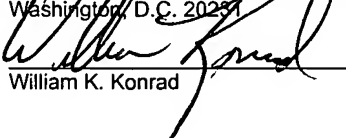


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In the claims:

Claim 1 is cancelled.

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